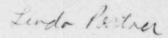
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The Honorable Tom Bevill, Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

House Report 96-1093, regarding the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 1981, directed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide a monthly report on the status of its efforts to carry out its licensing and regulatory acties. As indicated in the House Report, the considerations leading to this request concern the efforts of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to (1) complete the high prioricy work necessary to incorporate the lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident into the Commission's licensing and regulatory process in an orderly and systematic manner, and (2) initiate and complete the necessary reports and studies so the Commission can consider pending applications for operating licenses, construction permits and other licensing actions according to the April 17, 1980 testimony before the Committee.

In response to the Committee's direction, the first monthly status report is enclosed. The report provides a discussion of the TMI Action Plan developed to incorporate the lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident into the licensing and regulatory process, including a discussion on the implementation of the short-term requirements of the Action Plan into operating reactors and near-term operating license applications.

The report also discusses the progress made since April 17, 1980 in the licensing of new plants and provides an updated schedule for the review of operating license applications. Other licensing activities discussed include emergency preparedness, equipment qualification, operator licensing and the hearing on TMI-1 restart. Information is also provided on the reasons for the delay in resuming the review of construction permit applications, the reasons for the delays in licensing nearly completed plants, and the status of TMI-2 cleanup operations.

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